

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 2, is paper. Put appropriate items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Attention RE-NU-IT customers

The RE-NU-IT Center in the Aberdeen Area will be closed on Saturday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Aberdeen RE-NU-IT Center will reopen on Tuesday, June 1, 8 a.m. For more information, call Ellery Black, 410-306-1108.

Public meeting to discuss plans

The Army will host an availability session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, regarding the demolition of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Pilot Plant, at the Edgewood Senior Center, 1000 Gateway Rd. The public is invited to attend the meeting and get first-hand information on demolition of the facility, once used to manufacture chemical agents. The Army has completed Phase I demolition of the six non-agent buildings of the Pilot Plant compound. Phase II, which entails demolition of the main laboratory and the two remaining buildings, is scheduled to begin in early June. For information, contact Dave Hoffman at 410/436-8728.

Buy savings bonds throughout June

The post's U.S. Savings Bond Campaign will be held June 1-30, and offers military and civilian personnel a chance to diversify their savings plan with government-backed bonds. Campaign coordinators met Tuesday and will be distributing information on how as little as \$5 can be deducted from your paycheck to purchase bonds. For more information about the campaign, or to find out who your representative is, call Vicki Singleton, APG's campaign coordinator, 410-278-0764.

Youths can sign up for Red Cross jobs

The Summer Youth Program has started, and applications are available at the Red Cross, for teens ages 13 and older. Completed applications must be returned to Carolyn Lerwill by Tuesday, June 1. The Red Cross will have dates for each individual to be interviewed, and assignments will be made for positions. There will be a mandatory orientation prior to volunteering. Supervisors with positions that are available should call 410-278-2087. Teens can fill many jobs on post.

HST ceremony set for June 3

A change of command ceremony for Headquarters Support Troops, APG Garrison, will be held June 3, 10 a.m., at Fanshaw Field. Maj. Earl J. Teeter will pass command of HST to Maj. Clifton R. Johnston.

D-Day veterans to be honored

A religious commemoration program dedicated to the D-Day veterans from the 29th Infantry Division will be held Sunday, June 6, 1 p.m., at the Post Theater.

Musical selections from
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Armed Forces Day



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

A multi-service color guard from the Military District of Washington leads the parade down Aberdeen's West Bel Air Avenue on Saturday.

Celebration begins with 5K run, ends with bright lights, canons and music



Photo by RALPH BROTH

The salute battery fires during the band's rendition of "The 1812 Overture."

Collectors bring military memories to APG

Military vehicle rally rolls to victory

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Washington Area Collectors of Military Vehicles and the Blue and Grey Military Vehicle Trust club sponsored a military vehicle rally from May 20-22 as part of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Armed Forces Day celebration.

Visitors to the rally found 175 vendors who were selling or displaying thousands of military memorabilia items. From vehicles to combat boots and weapons to water jugs, everything that was anything to the Armed Forces, past and present, was on hand. The club's president, Pete Miller, who described the annual event as their "most important of the season," praised APG and the surrounding community for their assistance.

"We get great support from the Army and the local merchants," Miller said. "We try to return the favor by frequenting Aberdeen businesses and providing financial assistance to local charities."

Fellow organizer Dick Deren pointed out that the group provides more than just a means to exhibit and exchange antiquated items. The multifaceted mission focuses primarily on preserving military vehicles and their history.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

"Our entrance fee goes to support the Ordnance Museum and its restoration project and to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund," Deren said. "We also support two local Boy Scout troops and we donate to a veteran's Muscular Dystrophy program in Pennsylvania."

Organizers sold refreshments and provided a hospitality tent where classic World War II movies were shown each evening. They estimated 2,000 people visited the event over the three-day period. Deren said the club was especially pleased to see so many

See RALLY, page 8

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

The weather held out on Saturday to offer a full day of events honoring America's military during the annual Armed Forces Day celebration.

The morning's 5-kilometer Fun Run, the afternoon's parade and the evening's concert all drew large crowds, and the three-day military rally and flea market held on post drew about 2,000 more (see story on rally, below).

"This was an absolutely tremendous event," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander and commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison. "We had fantastic support from both the on- and off-post community."

This was his first Armed
See CELEBRATE, page 4

APG will discover result of CA bid Thursday

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

On May 27, 11 a.m., Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison personnel will learn whether the garrison won the Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities portion of the Commercial Activities study.

That announcement, which will be televised live on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, affects the Directorate of Public Works and Directorate of Logistics, and elements of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, and Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization.

Last month, the Information Services portion of the contract went to the garrison, which bid \$46.9 million, more than \$16 million less than the adjusted bid submitted by the private bidder. A protest was filed by the organiza-

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Memorial Day

Events in EA, Aberdeen to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice

By Pat McClung
TECOM Public Affairs Office

On Memorial Day, May 31, Aberdeen Proving Ground will join Harford County veterans organizations to honor the memories and sacrifices made by America's military personnel who lost their lives in defense of our nation at separate ceremonies at the Edgewood Area Cemetery and in Veterans Park in Aberdeen.

Assembly for the service at the Edgewood Area Cemetery begins at 9 a.m. at the EA Thrift Shop, building E-1633, with a march to the cemetery starting at 9:30 a.m. The annual Memorial Day ceremony, hosted by Abingdon's
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APG plans celebration of Army's 224th year

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate the Army's 224th birthday with a ceremony on June 11, 4-6 p.m., at Top of the Bay.

Hosted by APG Garrison, the keynote speaker for the event will be Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, who will discuss the Army's past, present and future.

A tribute to soldiers past and present will be held during the Streamer Ceremony and the Fallen Comrade Ceremony.

Doesburg and SBCCOM's top
See BIRTHDAY, page 4



Second portion of CA bid to be announced Thursday

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tion that filed the bid to contract the work, and is under review.

Thursday’s announcement is being followed by Commander’s Workforce Briefings on June 1, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810, and from 1-3 p.m. at the Post Theater in the Aberdeen Area.

The briefings will be followed by a series of information forums for garrison employees to discuss how the Reduction-in-Force (RIF) will work, Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) processes, the new APG Garrison organization structure,

and the Workforce Assistance Plan, which provides training, counseling and outplacement programs (see related story).

The forums will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 2, 8-9:30 a.m., Post Theater, for the Office of the Adjutant, Directorate of Resource Management, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Headquarters Support Troops, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Judge Advocate General, Office of the Commander, Public Affairs Office and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center;

Wednesday, June 2, 1-2:30 p.m., Edgewood Area Recreation Center, for all APG Garrison employees in

the Edgewood Area;

Thursday, June 3, 8-9:30 a.m., Post Theater, for the Directorate of Community and Family Activities and Directorate of Information Management;

Thursday, June 3, 1:30-3 p.m., Post Theater, for the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment;

Monday, June 7, 8-9:30 a.m., Post Theater, for the Directorate of Public Works;

Monday, June 7, 1:30-3 p.m., Post Theater, for the Directorate of Logistics.

While DPTM, DRM, PAO, DCFA and DOIM attended RIF information forums in April after

the announcement of the Information Services package, personnel are requested to attend these sessions as well, since additional information will be covered.

The Career Focus Laboratory in building 2752 offers a computer lab with word processing and resume writing programs. Internet access, laser printers and a fax machine enable employees to transmit resumes and applications anywhere. The lab is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., except every other Friday, the garrison regular day off. For details, call 410-278-9669.

For updates see the web page at www.apg.army.mil/ca.html, or call the CA Hotline at 410-278-9461.

Need help? Call Paul!

Paul Papp, an employee assistance counselor with Army Community Service, said ACS and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center offer a variety of services to help civilian employees make the most of the changes in the work place.

“I’m teaching stress management classes. You can sign up through your training coordinators,” Papp said. “This service is available to anyone affected by the CA study. We’re providing information about the services available, and general ways to prepare not just for work, but in your life in general.”

Employees can make an appointment with Papp, located in building 2754, to arrange easy access to benefits such as resume and Resumix assistance, stress management classes, financial management workshops, individual counseling sessions and educational opportunities. Call 410-278-3137/5319/7474.

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America’s history, and tunes specific to the World War II era, will be performed by the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own). Chaplain John Murdoch, a guest musician, will sing a rendition of “America the Beautiful.”

Featured speakers will include Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Richard Jordan, past Maryland commander of the 29th Division Association; Brig. Gen. Steven Blum, assistant division commander (support) of the 29th Infantry Division.

Chaplain (Col.) Paul Grant, state area command chaplain of the Maryland National Guard will deliver the primary address.

Refreshments will follow in a tent outside the theater, and static displays of vintage World War II vehicles, uniforms and memorabilia. For more information, call the Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Red Cross blood drive is June 8

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Call 410-278-2087 to make an appointment. We need your continued support now more than ever.

The APG Apheresis Center also is looking for volunteers to donate platelets. Call 410-297-9125 for details.

Red Cross classes available in June

Teens looking for extra money this summer can attend a two-day Baby-sitting Class from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, and Saturday, June 12, in the Red Cross, building 2477. The class costs \$10 with an ID card, thanks to the APG Thrift Shops with their generous scholarships. Teens ages 13 and older are welcome. Upon completion, you will be certified as an American Red Cross baby-sitter. You must attend both days.

The APG American Red Cross will hold the next Community First Aid and Safety Course on Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in building 2477. Upon completion you will be certified in first aid for three years and community CPR for one year. You also will be eligible to be registered for the Instructor’s Candidate Course. Cost is \$25.

For information on both classes, call 410-278-2087.

Scouting offers disabled children adventures

The Baltimore Area Council Boy Scouts of America would like to offer new opportunities for children with disabilities and their families to get involved in the adventures of Scouting. Army Community Service is seeking interested families to see if such a group should be started on post. Scouting gives parents the opportunity to see their children grow and interact with other children while helping parents to create the capacity for their children’s accomplishments. Children can develop a sense of teamwork and belonging through one of the greatest experiences of their lives. If you have a boy at least 7 years old or in first grade, or a girl who has completed eighth grade and is at least 14 years old, contact Peggy Horne at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478.

National Guard change of command

The Maryland Army National Guard’s Mobilization for Aviation

CA Hotline

Q&A's and Updates!

(410) 278-9461

Available
24 Hours
a day

Call us if you have any questions or concerns or would like an update on current CA processes, activities, or briefings. Also visit our CA Web Page for answers to Hotline questions and updated information: www.apg.army.mil/ca.html

Classification Repair Activity Depots (AVCRAD) Control Element will hold a change of command ceremony on Saturday, June 5, 2 p.m. at the Edgewood Armory, building E-4305. Outgoing commander Col. James W. Taneyhill of Baldwin, who will retire, will be replaced by Col. Robert A. Peterson Jr. of Churchville. Peterson previously was commander of the 29th Air Traffic Services Group. For information, call Master Sgt. Linda Martin, 410-436-2635.

Apply for Officer Candidate School

Applications are being accepted for the next board and must be received by June 21 at U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Headquarters, ATTN: AMSTE-RP-P. This date is firm. Applicants will be scheduled to appear before the OCS board convened at Fort Meade. For details, call Barb Tarczynski, 410-278-1172, or Connie Garcia, 410-278-1175.

DVQ reservations transferred

Responsibility for reservations at Aberdeen and Edgewood DVQ’s has been transferred to the Swan Creek Inn Billeting Office. Direct all inquiries regarding availability of DVQ or reservations to the Swan Creek Inn reservations clerk or front desk manager at 410-278-5148/5149.

FEGLI Open Season runs until June 30

Materials for FEGLI Open Season, which started April 24 and continues through June 30, have been received in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for distribution to activities. Information also is available at the Office of Personnel Management web site, www.opm.gov/insure/life/fegli99/index.htm. The 1999 FEGLI Open Enrollment brochure and form is available on the web site. FEGLI 99 Open Enrollment Period Election forms downloaded from this web site have four pages employees must complete. Completed forms should be submitted to: APG CPAC, ATTN: STEAP-CP-P/FEGLI OS, building 305, room B-15. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Community yard sales planned

The Community Life Mayoral Program will sponsor Community Yard Sales in housing areas in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas during June. The **Aberdeen Area yard sale** will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop. All family housing residents are invited to participate. The rain dates are

Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13. The **Edgewood Area yard sale** will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Participating housing areas include Lee Court, Mobile Home Park, Everett Road, Scully Road, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive and Austin Road.

Yard sales can be held weekends between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Signs announcing the sale may be erected in the vicinity the day of the sale. They may not be affixed to traffic signs, utility poles, trees, lamp poles or fences; they should be placed on wooden stakes and placed in the ground. Residents must remove signs and police the area. Advertise for a sale on bulletin boards at the PX, Commissary, Shoppette (contact manager for approval), or off-post publications.

Send in soup labels to CDC, schools

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, Aberdeen Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School collect Campbell’s Soup labels to redeem for equipment to be used by children enrolled at the center. Eligible products include: Campbell’s bean products; chunky, condensed, Home Cookin’ and Healthy Request soups; Campbell’s tomato juices; Franco-American gravies, SpaghettiO’s; Pace Picante; Pepperidge Farm products; V8 juices; Swanson products; and Prego spaghetti sauces. The schools are collecting Klein’s Supermarket receipts and Campbell’s labels. Klein’s is running a “Computers Plus for Schools” program through May 25. Pink register receipts are issued to all customers. The small portion with the total cost of groceries is needed, so the schools can redeem receipts for free computers, audio-visual equipment, software, books and sports equipment.

Drop off labels at the AA CDC, building 2485, at the box in the lobby. Call Kim Fillinger at 410-278-9950 or 410-939-5950 for details. For schools, send labels and receipts by June 1 to Aberdeen Middle School, ATTN: PTA, 111 Mount Royal Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001 (call Rose Ann Spieles, 410-272-6308); or Edgewood Elementary School, ATTN: PTA, 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040 (call Kathy Shrontz, 410-612-0444).

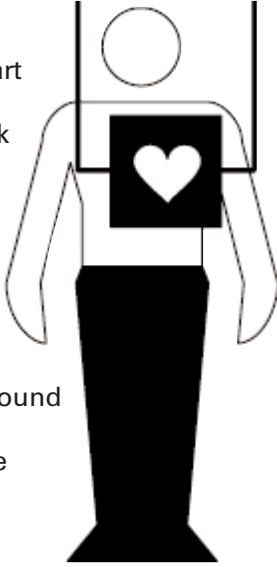
SAFETY AWARENESS

Understand chest pain

Is it indigestion or is it really a heart attack? Chest pain or pressure spreading to your arms, neck, back are common signs of a heart attack. Heart attack victims may also have shortness of breath, nausea, weakness, and dizziness.

Learn more about the warning signs of a heart attack.

Contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Division of Fire and Emergency Services at 410-306-0562 for more information.



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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Power of attorney can be powerful

Client Services Division

Question: What is a “power of attorney” and do I need one?

Have you ever needed someone to do something for you that you could not be there to do yourself? Some examples are: registering your car, clearing government quarters and taking care of your kids. A simple document called a “power of attorney” may be the answer to your problem.

A power of attorney is a legal instrument in which one person (called a “principal”) gives another person (called an “agent” or “attorney-in-fact”) the power to act in place of, and on behalf of, the principal. The potential uses of a power of attorney are almost limitless in variety and scope. A power of attorney may be as broad or narrow as you wish. There are basically two types of powers of attorney:

- General Power of Attorney: In a general power of attorney, you give an agent all the power you possess to act with respect to any matter. It allows the agent the power to do all things you could do yourself, including the power to sell or mortgage your home, withdraw funds from your savings or checking account, borrow money and sign contracts in your name. Because a general power of attorney gives so much control over your personal and financial concerns, it should only be given to someone you completely trust, like a spouse or parent.
- Special or limited power of attorney: In a special or limited power of attorney, you authorize an agent to perform only the specific act described in the document, such as the power to ship or receive household goods, to sign a lease for you, or to buy, sell or register an automobile.

Be careful in granting a power of attorney. Every act the agent

does for you, within the authority granted him or her by the wording of the instrument, is legally binding upon you. Powers of attorney are easy to prepare, invaluable if needed, but difficult to properly revoke. Care should be given in deciding the nature and scope of any power of attorney. Always follow these three general rules:

1. A power of attorney should only be given to someone you trust.
2. Your power of attorney should grant no power greater than that which would be needed by you to deal with the matter in question.
3. Your power of attorney should last for the minimum time necessary to accomplish your objective.

Obtaining a power of attorney

Eligible persons (active duty, retirees, and their dependents) may obtain a power of attorney at the Legal Assistance Office, building 310, wing 2, during normal office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and every other Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Powers of attorney are prepared on a walk-in basis - no appointment is necessary. A notary public is available to help you execute your power of attorney and will notarize the document for you at no cost.

LEGALLY SPEAKING deals with legal assistance and claims issues important to the APG community. If you have a legal question in these areas, address it to: Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate, ATTN: AMSTE-JA (Legally Speaking), Bldg. 310, APG, MD 21005. All inquiries will be answered. Questions with broad applicability may be answered and published in a later edition.

MONDAY MAY 31 MEMORIAL DAY

The community will gather at two local ceremonies to honor Memorial Day. The first will be held at 9 a.m. at the Edgewood Area Cemetery, with a procession lining up at the EA Thrift Shop in building E-1633. Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, post commander, will be the guest speaker. The second will be held in the City of Aberdeen at Veterans Park, located behind the Aberdeen Library, at 11 a.m. Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, will be the guest speaker.

TUESDAY JUNE 1 STAND FOR CHILDREN

Family Child Care will celebrate Stand For Children Day, a nationwide grassroots movement for children sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., behind building 2752. The event will feature face painting, a bike rodeo, snacks, bubbles, a fish pond and a fire truck, with music from the 389th Army Band. Bring bikes, helmets and lawn chairs, play with your children and have lunch.

AHS SPRING CONCERT

Aberdeen High School will hold a Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2 FEMALE OFFICERS

A Female Officer's Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, building 3073, second floor, room 208, Warrant Officer Professional Development Division. The topic will be Warrant Officers/Ordnance Warrants. Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. RSVP to Maj. Donna Killian, 410-278-4482, or Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nelda Jones, 410-278-2319.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The Aberdeen Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band, 6th Grade Chorus, Vocal Ensembles will hold a Spring Concert at 7 p.m. at the school

THURSDAY JUNE 3 MERRY MELODIES

Aberdeen Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Band, Jazz Ensemble will hold a Spring Concert at 7 p.m. at the school.

SPRING CONCERT

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold a Spring Concert at 5 p.m. The concert will be held outside with a picnic following the performance.

FRIDAY JUNE 4 WOMEN VETERANS

Maryland Freestate Chapter 70, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will meet at 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center, 7 Franklin St. WAAC, WAC, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and those serving in the Army today or honorably discharged, are invited. Call 410-676-9574

SATURDAY JUNE 5 SUMMER JAM '99

Big Cube Entertainment presents Summer Jam '99, at the Top of the Bay Main Ballroom, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 in advance. For details or tickets, call 410-817-1390.

SUNDAY JUNE 6 D-DAY REMEMBRANCE

A ceremony to honor veterans of all wars, dedicated to the D-Day veterans of the 29th

Infantry Division, will be held at the Post Theater. Musical selections from America's history, and tunes specific to the World War II era, will be performed by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own). Refreshments will follow in a tent outside the theater, and static displays will be available for viewing. For details, call the Post Chapel, 410-278-4333.

SATURDAY JUNE 19 SURPLUS SALE

The EA Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m.-noon for sales for patrons of the EA yard sale. Surplus yard sale items will be accepted for donation; no consignments will be taken. Consignments may be made up to one hour prior to closing on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month.

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from May 27-June 3:

THURSDAY, MAY 27

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety (7 min.)

1 p.m., 8 p.m., Days of Remembrance Program - Refuge Denied: The Voyage of the SS St. Louis (1 hour, 15 min.)

FRIDAY, MAY 28

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys - A U.S. Savings Bond Production (6 min.)

SATURDAY, MAY 29

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety

1 p.m., 8 p.m., Days of Remembrance Program

SUNDAY, MAY 30

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys

MONDAY, MAY 31

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety

1 p.m., 8 p.m., Days of Remembrance Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety

1 p.m., 8 p.m., Days of Remembrance Program

For more information about programming, call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

MOVIES

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

MOD SQUAD

Friday, May 28, 7 p.m.

Starring: Claire Danes, Omar Epps

Based on ABC's 1968 TV series, Julie, Pete and Linc are three juvenile delinquents enlisted to work as undercover government operatives. Able to infiltrate the counter culture, the trio represent the epitome of cool. **(Rated R)**

THE KING AND I

Saturday, May 29, 7 p.m.

Animated

This adaptation of the Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway classic tells the story of Anna, a strong-willed English school teacher who, in 1863, travels to Siam to provide the royal children of the King of Siam a Western education. **(Rated G)**

FORCES OF NATURE

Saturday, May 29, 9 p.m.

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Ben Affleck

Ben has two days to get from New York to Savannah for his wedding. Circumstances hinder his trip, and he wonders if somebody up there is trying to tell him something. **(Rated R)**

LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave; call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or send a fax to 410-278-8839. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
Joan Bond (stroke);
John Boyle (surgery);
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Linda Brown (diabetic);
Melda Callendar;
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
Cara Coe (maternity);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
William Edwards (back surgery);
Joseph Hill (heart problems);
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
Tracey Kerney (surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
Barbara LaGrange (Hodgkins Disease);
Patricia LaGrange;
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
Lesley Parker (daughter has seizures);
Cathleen (Higgins) Perry;
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
Michael Reynolds;
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
Sherry Schaffer;
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Joseph Walker (Wife has cancer)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
Frank Winters (surgery).

MWR UPDATE

Take Dad to the park

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park will offer a Father's Day special all day June 20. All dads pay just \$1.50 (half price) for miniature golf. The everyday low prices for other activities at the park are batting cages for baseball/softball, 50 cents for 12 balls; go-karts, \$3 for five-minute ride; and 18-hole miniature golf, \$3 per person, \$1 for ages 5 and under. Just a reminder: you must be at least 54 inches tall to drive; two-seaters are available so those who are under that can ride with an eligible driver. A limited snack bar is available, with hot dogs, nachos, chips, sodas, and sno-cones. The park is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30-10 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 1-8 p.m. To schedule a party or special group, call the park at 410-278-9920.

Swimming Pools open Saturday

Olympic Pool at building 3325 and Bayside Pool at building E-4656 open Saturday, May 29. Monthly and seasonal pool passes are on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Shore Pool at building 2031 opens June 19. The daily fee is still \$3 per person; monthly individual passes cost \$25 and monthly family passes cost \$35. The season pass for individuals costs \$50, and the family season pass costs \$80. Lap swimming is available at Olympic and Bayside pools Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124, for details.

Swimming lesson registration

Registration for Pre-School Aquatics and Youth "Learn to Swim" swimming lessons continues for active duty family members. Registration is conducted at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the EA Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Lessons will be conducted July 12-23 at both the Shore and Bayside pools. Pre-School Aquatics are offered for children between ages 3-5, from 10-10:50 a.m. A parent or guardian will be required to accompany the child in the water during lessons. "Learn to Swim" lessons will be conducted from 9-9:50 a.m. for children ages 6 and older. The fee is \$20 per student. Registration for all other MWR-eligible family members begins June 6. For details, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Boat Docks open soon

The Aberdeen and Edgewood area boat docks will open for the season on Saturday, May 29, 7 a.m. Motor boats, rowboats, canoes, sailboats and windsurfers are available for rent by the hour or by the day. The AA Boat Dock is located off Old Cut Road, building 2040; the EA Boat Dock is located on Skipper's Point Road in building E-1473. Both facilities are open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Equipment Resource Center

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center offers 20x20-foot and 20x30-foot canopies and party tents, padded folding chairs, eight-foot rectangular folding tables, and new this year, 70-inch round folding tables, to help outfit graduation parties, weddings, receptions, family reunions or any outdoor function. Reserve your equipment now to ensure availability by paying the daily fee in advance. Active duty military and family members may reserve equipment up to 60 days in advance; all others may make reservations up

to 30 days in advance. Fees are reasonable, and reservations are accepted over the telephone when paying by credit card. The center offers supergrills (trailed charcoal grills), ice chests in assorted sizes, insulated drink coolers, camping equipment, outdoor sports and games, canoes, kayaks and boats. The center has new camping tents, sleeping cots, internal frame backpacks, stoves, lanterns, camping chairs and more! Visit the center in building 2407 or call 410-278-4124 for details.

Hunter Safety Classes

Hunter Safety classes are scheduled for the Aberdeen Area in building 5445, room 213, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Training Building:
Monday, June 21, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;
Friday, June 25, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;
Sunday, June 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.;
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10, 6-10 p.m.;
Saturday, Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
In the Edgewood area classes will be given in building E-4733 (the Deer Station) as follows:
Monday, Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6-9 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The cost of the class is \$5. Call 410-278-4124 to register.

Bow Hunter seminars

Bow Hunter seminars will be conducted at the Bow Club on Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m. Call 410-278-4124 for information and registration.

Aberdeen Fitness Center

Kick-boxing-style aerobics classes are coming to the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center. Watch upcoming issues of the APG News for more information. The center is a full-service facility with aerobic and toning classes daily, one-on-one personal training, the Civilian Fitness Program, and state-of-the-art equipment. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For further information on programs, call 410-278-9725/9759.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts

Ceramic Class: A beginning ceramic class will be held June 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. The craft shop has more than 500 ceramic molds to pour and a wide selection of bisqueware, greenware, paints and brushes for sale.
Stained Glass Class: A beginning Stained Glass Class will be held Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will make a suncatcher using the copper foil method. This basic method teaches the skill you need to make larger projects. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.
Woodshop Orientation: A basic woodshop orientation class will be held Saturday, June 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is a \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.
Framing Class: A beginning Matting and Framing class will be held Thursday, June 24, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch picture to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.
For information on classes call 410-436-2153 on Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or visit the center in building E-4440.

YOUTH UPDATE

From the EA...

The sports schedule

Registration for youth golf and tennis lessons continues. Cost is \$30 per person. Registration packets are available at Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, on Scully Road. Spaces are guaranteed only through completed registration. Golf classes will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting June 29. The classes will conclude with a tournament during the second week of August. Youth ages 7 and older are eligible to participate. Class size is limited. Tennis classes will run Monday and Wednesday mornings starting June 28. The classes will conclude with a tournament in August. Youth ages 7 and older are eligible to participate.

A Whitewater Rafting Trip is slated for June 19, an outdoor adventure for first-time paddlers. The trip to Harper's Ferry, W.Va., will offer a full day of excitement. Cost is \$20 for youth, \$30 for parents (on a space-available basis). Space is limited, so register early.

Registration for fall soccer for ages 4 and up will run through June 25. Cost is \$30 per person.

For information about sports, call Ms. Norma at the Edgewood Youth Center, 410-436-2172.

From the AA...

Register for junior golf

The Aberdeen Youth Center has limited openings for junior golf for ages 8-17. Classes begin June 29 and conclude Aug. 17, with a two-day tournament. Class sizes are limited and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations are accepted at building 2522

Tuesday through Friday, noon-8 p.m. Cost is \$30 for family members of military personnel and DoD civilians, and \$35 for guests of a eligible patrons. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 a.m. for ages 8 and 9; 9-10 a.m. for ages 10 and 11; 10-11 a.m. for ages 12 and 13; and 11 a.m.-noon for ages 14-17. For information contact Bill Kegley or Wayne Doyel, 410-278-4995.

Tennis lessons offered

The AA Youth Center is holding registration for tennis lessons through June 15, for ages 7 and up. Youth tennis lessons begin June 28. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9-10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:30 a.m.-noon for intermediate (two or more years of experience). Cost is \$30 for eligible patrons, \$35 for guests. Register at building 2522, the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, or call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995, for details.

Are you ready for soccer?

Soccer registrations are being accepted for youths ages 5-14. Participants must be age 5 by Aug. 1, 1999, and cannot turn 15 before Aug. 1, 1999. Deadline is July 15. Cost is \$30, with a 10 percent discount for additional children. Practices begin Aug. 1. Games begin Sept. 11. For information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995.

Basketball camp

The AA Youth Center will hold a Youth Basketball Camp from July 12-15, 6-9 p.m., for girls and boys ages 9-15. The fee for Basketball Camp is \$20 and includes camp T-shirts, written evaluations analyzing your skills, extra individual instruction, prizes and awards. Players are grouped according to age and ability. The Cecil Community College men's basketball coaching staff will conduct the camp, which will be held at Aberdeen Youth Service, building 2522. For information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995.

Armed Forces Day celebration highlights partnership between APG, off-post community with parade, concert

AFD, from front page
Forces Day celebration at APG, a much different event from the events slated at European installations where he has been stationed during his career.

“I think this was just a first-class event,” he said. “From the early morning to the evening, it was a wonderful day.”

The evening’s big finish was a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own) and members of Harford County Public Schools’ All-County Band, and the Aberdeen High School Choir. The students received the music just one month before the concert, and “invested many hours of individual practice in addition to three dress rehearsals to bring us to this concert,” said Diane Stanridge, narrator and wife of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Stanridge, commander of the 389th.

“One of the best ways to celebrate any occasion is through music,” Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, post commander, told the hundreds of people who gathered for the concert shortly before sunset, “and today is no different. We are fortunate today to have an excellent group of musicians ready to entertain and inspire us.”

After the general’s comments, the 389th commander stepped up to the stand and the music began, featuring a variety of patriotic music, American classics and even highlights from the Disney movie “The Lion King,” arranged by Calvin Custer.

However, Stanridge was willing to share conducting duties with a young member of the audience. Becca Ringle, 7, was chosen from the crowd to conduct at the end of one piece. Her father, SSgt. David Ringle, was a member of



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Members of the reviewing party salute the colors as they pass during the parade Saturday.

the 389th, but was not performing because the family is moving to Korea this week.

Asked if she had ever conducted, Becca said, “No, never!” as her mother, Lisa, twin sister, Debbie, and 4-week-old brother, Andrew, looked on. She is interested in taking up the flute in a year or two.

As the band neared the end of the musical line-up, Tchaikowsky’s “1812 Overture,” canons provided by APG U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School added the appropriate accents, and drew cheers from the crowd. Doesburg later noted that “the applause would have gone on forever if we hadn’t moved right into the fireworks.”

Spidel added that reports from around the area noted that motorists lined Route 40, Route 22 and even Interstate 95 to observe the fireworks.

It was a thrilling end to a day that started before dawn for set-up crews, and drew more than 200 people to the APG Athletic Center

for the 9 a.m. start of the second annual Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Run.

Annapolis resident Steve Egolf finished first with a time of 17:10. Ryan Robinson of Petersburg, Va., finished second in 18:42, Wilson Gorrell of Pylesville in northern Harford County finished third in 18:55, and Scott Smith of Abingdon finished in 20:02. The first military finisher was Maj. John Kearney of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Battalion, who finished in 20:09.

The first woman to cross the finish line was Cynthia Carpenter of Street, who came in sixth place overall at 20:47. This was her first run since returning to the sport after competing in the Iron Woman in Hawaii in October.

First-place runner Egolf said he has run in other post races, including the Polar Bear Run, and visits his friends from Aberdeen when he runs here.

“My friends like to see me race,” he said as he was congratu-



Above, the 389th Army Band performs during the parade. At right, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Stanridge conducts during Saturday night’s concert, during which the military musicians performed with members of the All-County Band and the Aberdeen High School Choir.

lated by Rachel Cross, 11, and her siblings, Steven, 6, John, 4, and Esther, 2. Their father, Matt Cross, an avid triathlete, also offered encouragement from the sidelines, his only participation due to a broken collarbone from a cycling accident. However, his wife, Becky, pushing their 5-month-old daughter, Lydia, completed the race in just over 30 minutes, and their 9-year-old son, Matt, finished in 27:23.

Becky Cross, who has run in APG’s Turkey Trot twice, said this was her first race since having her daughter five months ago.

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Cycle to D.C. May 31

If you have a motorcycle and you want to experience a unique event on Memorial Day, talk to Sfc. Thomas Stephanic.

Stephanic is organizing a trip to Washington, D.C., in memory of prisoners of war and those missing in action. He went to the event for the first time last year, after buying his motorcycle.

“I attended last year for the first time, and it was something,” he said. “There were 200,000-plus people in the Pentagon parking lot. It’s something to see that many people come together in memory of POWs and MIAs. There’s one common statement,

which is that we have not forgotten POWs and MIAs who served their country when asked. It doesn’t matter what you ride, who you are or where you’re from.”

The 10-year-old event will feature an estimated 200,000 motorcycles parading through D.C., ending at the Vietnam Wall.

The group will leave from the Aberdeen Mall Texaco at 1001 Beards Hill Rd. at 7 a.m. on May 30. For information contact Stephanic at 410-278-5598 (daytime) or 410-273-1779 (evenings and weekends). For additional information on the event, check the web site, <http://www.rftw.org/>.

Remember veterans

MEMORIAL, from front page
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337, coincides with the VFW post’s 100th anniversary. Participants in the ceremony will include the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), American Legion Post 17, Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council 6188, and St. Francis Xavier Assembly.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, will speak at the formal ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m.

Immediately following the ceremony, hamburgers, hot dogs and pit beef sandwiches will be served at American Legion Post 17, located at 415 Edgewood Rd. in Edgewood.

The on- and off-post communities also are invited to Aberdeen’s 11 a.m. Memorial Day ceremony in Veterans Park, hosted jointly by American Legion Post 128, VFW Post 10028, and Catholic War Veterans Post 1841. Col. Robert J. Spidel,

APG Garrison commander, will be guest speaker at the Aberdeen wreath-laying ceremony. The park is located behind the Aberdeen Library, on North Parke Street.

Following the ceremony, lunch will be provided at American Legion Post 128 on North Parke Street.

In Havre de Grace, Catholic War Veterans Post 1841 will place a wreath on veteran’s graves at Mount Erin Cemetery on May 29, 11 a.m. On May 31, 8 a.m., American Legion Post 47 will conduct a wreath-laying ceremony at Angel Hill Cemetery. At 10 a.m., St. Patrick Church will celebrate a memorial Mass with the Catholic War Veterans and the Knights of Columbus Color Guard. At 11 a.m., the city’s service organizations will lay wreaths at the Veteran’s Memorial in Tydings Park. The guest speaker will be Col. (Ret.) Ray Astor from Catholic War Veterans. The public is invited to attend these events.

Army to hit 224th year

BIRTHDAY, from front page
NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, SBCCOM and installation command sergeant major, will cut the Army’s “birthday cake” with the youngest soldier present, signifying the Army’s complete chain of command.

The 389th Army Band (AMC’s

Own) will perform throughout the ceremony, and a reception will follow the event.

The event is open to the post community.

For details, call Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, 410-278-1509, or SSgt. Steven Burton, 410-278-5225.

Thousands turn out for Armed Forces Day celebration

CELEBRATE, from page 4
“This was her first race too,” she said of baby Lydia. “She slept the whole time.”
Extra incentive came from the presence of the 16th Ordnance Battalion running in formation behind her.

“I didn’t know if I was going to make it,” she said, “but I knew they were right behind me, and I wanted to keep up.”
Army Research Laboratory employee John Sullivan ran carrying eight-pound weights, to add to his workout.
“I’m trying to go for 10 pounds. Maybe next Armed Forces Day,” he joked.
He said he enjoyed the event because “you don’t have the pressure of a race. It’s enjoyable and I like coming out and supporting the post.”

He noted that it was his second run for the week; on May 19, he participated in the run sponsored for National Fitness Day by the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center.
“The run went really well,” said Ralph Cuomo of the Community Recreation Division, who coordinated the event for APG. “A lot of people signed up on race day. I think they were waiting to see what the weather would be like.”
Darlene Ostroski, executive assistant for the Aberdeen City Office and a coordinator of the run, said the race “was a resounding success.”
“Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and enjoy the music, the water provided by Pepsi Cola of Havre de Grace and fruit provided by Mars Supermarkets. And we never could have done this without Golden Corral, which supported us by providing shirts for the runners. Russ Carmisino, the manager, was a joy to work with. His enthusiasm for the Armed Forces Day celebration was great.”
She added that she was amazed by the first-place time of 17:10, and was impressed by the diversi-



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg welcomes the hundreds of people who turned out for Saturday night’s concert. Behind him is the 389th Army Band, with members of the All-County Band, and the Aberdeen High School Choir.

ty of the participants.
“Half of the runners were military, half were civilians,” she added. “When they all blended together running, they became one community. It just goes to show you that joint effort does work.”
Last year’s unseasonably hot and humid weather on Armed

Forces Day, which topped 90 degrees by 9 a.m., made the race tougher for runners. Pete Dacey, Aberdeen city manager, said cooler weather and a year to prepare made this year’s event more enjoyable for him.
“This year really was much better,” Ddacey said. “It actually is fun when your perfor-

mance improves.”
Later in the day, crowds lined West Bel Air Avenue for the Parade. The event featured post units, the 389th Army Band, the Aberdeen High School Marching Band, and a popular return from last year, an Army/Navy float featuring soldiers sitting on a scaled-down football field, demonstrating the friendly rivalry between the service academies.
“We had a great turnout and great participation from post units,” said Katie McRoberts of APG Garrison, coordinator of the event for APG. “People seemed really enthusiastic about the floats in the parade, and it was nice seeing them waving the flags that the Boy Scouts distributed before the parade started.”
“Captain Jim” McMahan of WAMD, Harford County’s Aberdeen-based AM radio station, returned as narrator for the parade, rattling off a diverse list of military vehicles. The line-up featured everything from light armored vehicles manned by Marines, tracked vehicles driven by Aberdeen Test Center and OC&S personnel and equipment provided by the 203rd Military



Photo by RALPH BROTH

SSgt. Willie E. Jones, APG Drill Sergeant of the Year, waves to the crowd during the parade.

Intelligence Battalion, to restored vehicles from America’s past, provided by participants in the military vehicle rally.
As for next year, McRoberts said she already is thinking of “new surprises” to incorporate.

“We are so happy that this partnership with the community has turned out well,” she said, “that I’m ready to start working on the next one.”
“Well,” she added thoughtfully, “almost.”



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

More than 200 runners begin the Armed Forces Day 5K Run Saturday morning, the start of a full day of events.

FEB honors 67 post employees

By Sheila Little

APG News

Six Aberdeen Proving Ground employees took home Gold Awards at the Federal Executive Board Awards held May 7 at Martin’s West in Baltimore.

The ceremony, which recognizes excellent performance by federal employees, included 67 nominees from post organizations.

Gold Awards

Gold Awards winners are:

- **Vernon (Pete) Hooper**, chief of Marine Services at Aberdeen Test Center, who won in the Outstanding Supervisor, Trades and Crafts Category (see related story on ATC winners, at right);
- **Nancy Sewell**, a purchasing agent for the Directorate of Public Works, APG Garrison, who won in the Outstanding Para-Professional/Administrative Management and Specialist Category. She was nominated by Gene Worthington as an employee who is noted for always completing her work ahead of schedule and with little supervision. As a buyer, Sewell uses a bidding process which results in a savings generally 5 to 10 percent below wholesale cost. When possible, she combines orders through different processes and methods to make more competitive bids.

Sewell said it is great having a supportive supervisor who “let’s me do my job, but is there when I need him.”

- **Kenneth W. Keetley**, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic for the Automotive Shop Team, Automotive Core, ATC, who won in the Outstanding Trades and Crafts Category (see related story on ATC winners, at right);
- **Karen E. Lopes**, an administrative officer for the Wheel, Track and Recovery

Department, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, who won in the Community Service Category (see related story on Lopes on page 7);

- **Emma B. Thomas**, who retired after a 46-year federal career at ATC, in the Outstanding Federal Career Category (see related story on ATC winners, at right);
- **Victoria F. Belfit**, team leader for the Lead Hazard Management Program at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, in the “Rookie of the Year” Category. A civil service employee since February 1998, Belfit quickly has become an expert in lead and lead-based paint issues. She has taken it upon herself to expand her role to encompass issues involving asbestos, other heavy metals, and general industrial hygiene. She serves as a Department of the Army representative on the federal Lead-based Paint Task Force, and, recognized as having great federal service potential, currently is enrolled at the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Belfit described Stephen Graham, Maj. Theresa Cutler and Bryan Nix as “great mentors,” said said she was pleased to receive the award, “especially since it brought so much attention to the Army Lead and Asbestos Program.”

Silver Awards

Those receiving Silver Awards at the ceremony are:

- **Outstanding Supervisor, GS-13 and Above Category;**
- Brad W. Bradley, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity
- Robert S. Carter, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command
- Mark Evans, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization
- John R. Wallace, ATC

Outstanding Supervisor, GS-12 and Below Category:

- Linda D. Baldwin, Army Research Laboratory
- Sfc. Robert W. Swauger, APG Garrison

Outstanding Professional - Technical, Scientific and Program Support

- Dr. Tu-Chen Cheng, U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center
- Jon L. Miller, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, Firing Tables and Aeroballistics Branch

Outstanding Professional - Administrative Management and Specialist

- Billie Jo Benjamin, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense
- Thomas M. Kendall, ARL
- Steven H. Kratzmeier, AMSAA
- Phyllis Sowis, TECOM

Outstanding Para-Professional - Technical, Scientific and Program Support

- Raymond R. Lins, , U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

Outstanding Para-Professional - Administrative Management and Specialist

- Allison L. Bruno, U.S. Army Environmental Center

Outstanding Clerical

- Nancy M. Sheets, TECOM

Community Service

- Philip H. Beavers, AMSAA
- Andre J. Fournier, TECOM
- Kathleen A. McDaniel, PM Chem Demil

Outstanding Federal Career

- Gary L. Holloway, TECOM
- John J. McCarthy, AMSAA
- William H. Mermagen Sr., ARL

Rookie of the Year - Professional

- Joon Han Lee, AMSAA

Rookie of the Year - Para-Professional

- Todd J. Parrish, ATC

Bronze Awards

Those receiving Bronze Awards at the ceremony are:

Outstanding Supervisor, GS-13 and Above Category;

- James C. Carroll, APG Garrison;
- Denis E. Druck, CHPPM;
- Sabrina V. Edwards, SBC-COM;

- Robert H. Rosen, U.S. Army Research Laboratory;
- Dr. Paul R. Thies, ARL

Outstanding Supervisor, GS-12 and Below Category:

- Frederick H. Strubbe II, OC&S

Outstanding Supervisory, Trades and Crafts

- John G. Faries, APG Garrison

Outstanding Professional - Technical, Scientific and Program Support

- Jeanne T. Angelini, ARL
- Scott C. Belfit, USAEC
- William R. Brankowitz, PM Chem Demil
- Deborah L. Contreras, CHPPM-North
- Gary M. Jastrab, TECOM
- John G. Thomas Jr., AMSAA
- Craig L. Turner, ATC
- Steve Wampler, APG Garrison

Outstanding Professional - Administrative Management and Specialist

- Karen J. Baker, USAEC
- Grady Bsheers, USAEC
- Edward C. Bowen Jr., APG Garrison
- Harvey Thomas, OC&S

Outstanding Para-Professional - Technical, Scientific and Program Support

- Hazel V. Cassidy, ATC
- Kathy L. Leiter, USAEC
- William T. Vincenti, APG Garrison

Outstanding Para-Professional - Administrative Management and Specialist

- SSgt. Ismael Diaz, OC&S
- Geraldine P. Thompson, ATC

Outstanding Clerical

- Hilda M. Bartley, ECBC
- Christina A. Bligh, ATC
- Kathleen V. Foreman, OC&S
- Carolyn J. Forties, ARL
- Sadie B. Hose, APG Garrison
- Mariatt M. Robbins, USAEC
- Helen J. Smith, AMSAA

Outstanding Trades and Crafts

- Joseph Krukosky, APG Garrison
- Jose L. Acosta, TECOM
- Roberta C. Walker, ECBC

Community Service

- Kimberly R. Alcorn, APG Garrison
- Veronica E. Brown, ATC
- Sandra K. Harris, USAEC
- Patricia J. Reeves, ECBC

ATC notes pride in three gold FEB winners

By Lena Goodman

ATC Public Affairs Office

Among the employees honored by the Federal Executive Board May 7 were three Aberdeen Test Center employees who won Gold Awards. Vernon L. (Pete) Hooper, chief of Marine Services at ATC, won in the Outstanding Supervisor, Trades and Crafts Category; Kenneth W. Keetley, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic for ATC’s Automotive Shop Team, won in the Outstanding Trades and Crafts Category; and Emma Thomas, who retired in April 1998, won in the Outstanding Federal Career Category.

“The number of medals received by our employees demonstrates outstanding achievement for ATC,” said Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander. “I’m proud of all of our winners, and I look forward to next year’s FEB competition.”

Hooper noted that his supervisor’s interest in submitting his name meant the most.

“I was surprised to be a finalist. But I didn’t care if I was a gold or silver winner,” he said. “My supervisor took the time to nominate me, and that counts the most.”

Keetley said although he was surprised to receive the award, he appreciates his boss putting him in for it.

“This shows me that as long as you do your job, you have really great bosses who appreciate your work. I’m glad my boss put me in for the award”, he said.

Thomas, who worked at ATC for 45 of her 46 years as a federal employee, said she never expected to get an award.

“I was surprised,” she said.

“Although I was truly pleased to receive it, I must thank my coworkers because I could not have earned it without their support.”

Hooper supervises a diverse group of highly skilled patrol boat captains licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard that support firing programs conducted at Aberdeen Proving Ground for ATC and the Army Research Laboratory. ATC boats patrol restricted waters around APG to ensure public boaters and vessels in and around restricted water areas are in no danger.

In addition, he instituted a method to accommodate an increased workload without additional personnel. Hooper also set up a program to train disabled and other wage grade federal employee volunteers to perform duties of the assistant to the patrol boat captain.

“Pete’s award reflects the outstanding job he does as Marine Services chief and his contributions to the community,” said Judy Shelley, Hooper’s supervisor. “It was truly awesome to see him recognized at such a magnificent ceremony.”

Keetley lent his experience and knowledge of automotive maintenance to the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles program.

“Mr. Keetley is the hardest and most dedicated employee that I’ve seen in 28 years with the government,” said his supervisor, Don Harris.

Thomas performed the duties of two front-office secretaries for more than a year during the absence of the commander’s secretary. Her nomination noted that a warm welcome from Thomas always was part of the visitor’s ATC welcome packet, prompting numerous compliments to the commander and technical director for her diligence and friendly disposition. Thomas gave new meaning to “excellent customer service” in a center that received more than 350 high-ranking visitors every year.

Lopes’ service with fire company wins FEB gold

By E.C. Starnes
OC&S Public Affairs Office

Most people in Harford County associate the word “fire” with something you cook on while camping, or a cozy little blaze in the fireplace during the coldest winter evenings.

When Karen E. Lopes hears the word “fire,” it usually has a more dramatic meaning, to include possible loss of life and probably some major property damage.

When she hears the word in the midst of a deep sleep, she responds quickly. She rushes to the fire station, dons her gear and jumps on the fire engine to help a neighbor in dire need.

Lopes, administrative officer for the Wheel, Track and Recovery Department at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, has almost 25 years of service with the federal government. She also is in her 24th year of volunteer service with the Level Volunteer Fire Company and is a Maryland State Certified Level III firefighter.

She recently was honored for her community service with a Gold Award for Excellence in Federal Career in the Community Service Category from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board.

The chairman of the FEB, David L. Jenkins, noted, “Federal employees not only protect and defend this country, but provide the services daily that ensure the well-being of those unable to help themselves, increase our commerce and industry, secure our financial structure, maintain our complex transportation system, and allow our citizens to send communications to the most remote locations.

“Their peers and managers have identified the civil servants we honor today as superior achievers,” he continued. “Everyone nominated represents excellence in performance and quality of service. Those chosen for today’s special awards represent the best of the best. Their co-workers, friends and family members have assembled here to share in their pride of accomplishment and applaud their success.”

Lopes also received recognition from Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski for her accomplishment. “In today’s fast-paced world,”

Mikulski wrote in a letter, “it is inspiring to know there are individuals, such as you, who still believe in a strong work ethic, loyalty to one’s employer and providing exemplary service. Today’s award serves to recognize the valuable asset you are to the federal work force and to the U.S. Army Ordnance Center in particular.”

A fellow employee, Eunice Hamrick, nominated Lopes for the award. Hamrick noted Lopes’ busy schedule as an administrative officer, firefighter, Level Fire Company secretary, president of the Level Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and emergency medical services aide.

“Frequently, Karen will put in a full eight hours of work at her paid job after having only one or two hours of sleep the night before because she volunteered her services to help a community or a citizen in need,” Hamrick said. “She performs this selfless service to protect the lives of people, their pets and their property. Her countless fund-raisers create community esprit and well-trained fire and rescue workers to help community citizens. Karen has done everything from helping save lives to making a Boy Scout smile, to making the last days of a terminally ill citizen happier.”

Lopes frequently puts in more than 1,000 hours a year at the fire station, and has completed approximately four years of formal training. Her certification as a firefighter III came through the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, College Park, Md. In addition to the formal certification training, she has amassed long hours of fire and ambulance drills, station cleanups, parades, details and fund-raisers. She is among the top 10 responders to fire/ambulance calls out of 101 members.

Her interest in the fire company began as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1974. In 1977 she decided to become more involved in the firefighting side and began the firefighting school, but had to drop out of the course when she became pregnant with her son. She remained active with the Ladies Auxiliary and in 1991 began her training again as a firefighter. Following completion of the eight-month course in 1992, she became certified.

She noted that many people don’t understand the local fire companies are volunteer organizations. And those that do, she said, don’t understand the levels of training that are required to be certified to perform the duties required of a volunteer company. In addition, continual recertification and developmental training is also mandatory to remain an active member.

While some of the members of the Level Fire Company are also professional firefighters or emergency services personnel at places such as Aberdeen Proving Ground, the majority are volunteers who pursue other professions when they are not helping protect the local community.

In addition to her already busy schedule, Lopes also was a key player in a major building project for the volunteer company. During a recent \$2 million renovation of the Level Fire House, Lopes was instrumental in the banquet hall portion of the facility. She worked closely with the contractors to create one of the best banquet facilities in Harford County and a prime fundraising activity for the local volunteer effort. The facility is so popular it requires a one-year advance reservation from groups desiring to use it. She developed a set of food hazard sheets for the meals served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Those standards have been adopted by the Harford County Health Department for use by



Photo by E.C. STARNES

Karen E. Lopes pulls on her turnout gear at the Level Volunteer Fire Company, work which won her an FEB Gold Award.

other organizations in the county.

The Baltimore FEB is one of 28 across the country which “improve internal management practices and communications of the federal government ... (and) to strengthen coordination of federal activities by supporting and promoting initiatives of the president and his administration.”

USAEC honors winners of awards

Seven U.S. Army Environmental Center employees recently earned the prestigious Excellence in Federal Career Award for their achievements in career-related pursuits in the Baltimore Region.

Center employees garnered six bronze awards and one silver award. Allison L. Bruno of the USAEC Operations Office received the Silver Award in the Outstanding Para-Professional, Administrative Support and Management.

Among her numerous responsibilities, Bruno serves as coordinator for the four USAEC Regional Environmental Offices and also devotes numerous hours to furthering the Federal Women’s Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Maj. Donna Rutten, Allison’s nominating supervisor, said Bruno’s “performance of duties at the USAEC has had a significant positive impact on government and civilian agencies on a local and national level.”

USAEC Bronze winners are: Dr. Paul Thies (Outstanding Supervisor, Grades 13 and Above) for his vision and creativity in building what is now recognized as the leading conservation support center within the Department of Defense.

Scott Belfit (Outstanding Professional, Technical, Scientific and Program Support), for work as the Department of the Army subject matter expert responsible for helping the Department protect threatened and endangered species as required by the federal Endangered Species Act, while also ensuring the readiness mission is not impacted.



USAEC’s Allison Bruno won a Silver Award at the FEB ceremony.

Karen Baker (Outstanding Professional, Administration, Management and Specialist) for outstanding service as leader of the Outreach Team for the USAEC Public Affairs Office.

Kathy Leiter (Outstanding Para-Professional, Technical, Scientific and Program Support), for her accomplishments as Budget Analyst in the Program Budget Branch of the Resource Management Division at USAEC.

Mariatt Robbins (Outstanding Clerical), for being a recognized expert on administrative regulations and correspondence within and outside of the USAEC while functioning as Secretary to the Chief, Resource Management Division.

Sandra Harris (Community Service) for dedicating a significant portion of her personal life to helping with community activities ranging from Sports Booster to Environmental Advocate.

Seniors graduate in June

Approximately 2,300 Harford County public high school students will receive diplomas in nine graduation ceremonies to be held June 7-11.

Dates for commencement exercises and guest speakers are:

Aberdeen High School’s 240 seniors will graduate at the school’s front lawn on June 10, 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Maurice Wallace, AHS graduate at Duke University.

Bel Air High School’s 339 seniors will hold graduation at Towson University on June 9, 7 p.m.

C. Milton Wright High School’s 344 seniors graduate at Towson University Center Arena on June 7, 7 p.m. Dr. David McClure will be the guest speaker.

Edgewood High School’s 230 seniors graduate at the school’s Ram Stadium on June 8, 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Sen. Nancy Jacobs.

Fallston High School’s 350 seniors graduate at Towson University on June 8, 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Susan Reimer of the Baltimore Sun.

Harford Technical High School’s 191 seniors graduate at Harford Community College on June 11, 5:30 p.m. Dale Neeper will be the guest speaker.

Havre de Grace High School’s 151 seniors graduate in a ceremony held in the auditorium on June 9, 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. A. Skipp Saunders, deputy state superintendent for education.

Joppatowne High School’s 192 seniors will graduate on June 10, 6:30 p.m. at the school’s auditorium. Senator Nancy Jacobs will be the guest speaker.

North Harford High School’s 257 seniors graduate on June 9, 6:30 p.m., at the school’s Quadrangle. Kevin Cowherd of the Baltimore Sun will be the guest speaker.

Collectors bring military memories to APG

RALLY, from front page
children being exposed to a portion of military history.

“Kids hardly know anything about World War II. Just to tell them is not enough anymore. They have more appreciation for history when they’re seeing it,” Deren said.

Most of the vendors were members of the club who collect memorabilia for their private collections and participate in rallies as a means of displaying, exchanging or competing with fellow collectors.

“For every member, you’ll hear a different story,” Miller said. “Collecting these items can be very expensive. This is something you have to love to do and everybody has their own reason for loving it.”

Maury Bates of Elkton said he became interested in memorabilia a few years ago, when he heard 200 World War II veterans die every day.

“I realized World War II was a fading war,” Bates said. “The memories and the items will be scarce, but World War II was the most important event of the 20th century.”

The 68-year-old Korean War veteran, wearing a vintage 1941 U.S. Cavalry officer’s uniform, said he travels around the mid-

Atlantic purchasing WW II pieces for collectors, specializing in cavalry items as they existed in 1941, before many of the more-popular articles were discontinued.

“The Army eliminated the boots, spurs and the sand-brown belt in 1942,” Bates said proudly as he pointed out the very same articles he was wearing.

Bruce Gadbois, a borough councilman and businessman from Mountville, Pa., proudly displayed a 1972 M151A2 Jeep manufactured by AM General. An eight-year veteran of the Army and Air Force, Gadbois says his love for collecting began when he bought and restored a jeep like the one he drove in the Army.

“I think it’s important to preserve military history so people can remember the sacrifices. For me, restoration is an important part of honoring that history,” Gadbois said.

The owner of a 1943 Ford M8 armored scout car, he said he has attended shows and helped other enthusiasts support their hobbies for 30 years.

Tony Lambros of Bel Air said he loves collecting but he is disappointed about the way the media portrays collectors.

“Most of the people out here are good Americans interested in preserving our heritage,” he said.

Peter Lee of Owings Mills was dressed in the uniform of a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (M.A.S.H) medic, and was far more interested in talking about his collection than about himself. Inspired by the popular sitcom “M.A.S.H.,” Lee said when he first saw his 1953 M-43 Ambulance, he just had to have it.

He is an avid collector of Korean War memorabilia and has obtained the original gear for his vehicle, down to authentic 1952 blankets and intravenous lines.

“They made this model until 1955 then stopped until the mid-’60s and discontinued altogether in 1968,” Lee said. “It drives but you can’t be in a hurry, because it only goes about 45 or 50 miles an hour.”

Jason Griffeth, 23, said he began collecting four years ago when he joined a national organization for reenactors. Since then he has assembled a large collection of British and Scottish military items from World War I.

“I studied World War I in college when I was a history major. From there, I joined the Great War Association in Pennsylvania, and I’ve been collecting ever since,” Griffeth said, sitting before a huge display of standard issue items for British soldiers including first aid kits, sewing

kits and gas masks.

Garrick Smith said he treats his vehicles better than his cars. A safety programs manager for the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., he has been collecting vehicles for 10 years and owns two other jeeps besides the 1941 MB Army jeep he had on display.

“I have a ‘42 and a ‘53 jeep too, and all three stay in my two-car garage,” Garrick beamed.

Garrick, who is on the board of directors of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, headquartered in Missouri, said it took him six years to restore the jeep.

One of the most photographed vehicles at the rally was a 1942 Ford Army jeep displayed by Marvin “Doc” Morthimer from Rockville, Md.

Morthimer, who has owned the jeep since 1945, said it is an authentic jeep used in the North African campaign in WW II. He since has assembled and attached to the vehicle a collection of items that, he said, pay tribute to his tour of duty in WW II, such as wine jugs from Italy, an old M-14 side-mounted rifle, tent gear and ammo boxes.

On the front of the jeep is a chicken in a basket, a tribute to the former War Department, which published a manual warning soldiers of the diseases and parasites associated with poultry.

The vehicle is covered with red mud, which Morthimer carefully applied and glued on to maintain an authentic look.

The top winners for displayed vehicles were

Best in Show: Garrick Smith, 1941 MB Jeep

Commander’s Choice: Joe Ferraro, 1943 M8 Wheeled Tank

People’s Choice: Dennis Foster, Chevy and 1943 Dozer

President’s Choice: Dave Brown, 1965 M151A1 Jeep

Ordnance Museum Choice: Dennis Foster, Chevy and 1943 Dozer



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Below, Jason Griffeth, from Centerville, Va., displays his collection of authentic World War I British Army gear. The U.S. Army veteran and former history major, dressed in the uniform of a typical British enlisted man, sits before an arrangement of basic soldier issue items such as first aid dressing, a sewing kit, polish and toilet articles. Above are items from his collection, including a British enlisted winter uniform complete with headgear, baton, whistle, and pocket watch.



Maury Bates of Elkton, dressed in the uniform of 1941 U.S. Cavalry officer, stands next to one of the many Armed Forces uniforms in his collection. The old uniforms, Bates said, are more durable than today’s with less likelihood of rips and tears. “The only thing you need is moth-balls because their only enemy is moths,” Bates said.

SPORTS SHORTS

APG Bowling Team wins at WAMAC

The APG Bowling Team took first place at the annual Washington Area Military Athletic Conference Tournament last weekend at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The team, consisting of Edward Velez, Steven Wajtowicz, Mark Williams, Karen Barnes and Darcela Farlow, not only took home the first-place team trophy, but individual team members also took home other awards. Wajtowicz was presented with the award for high game and high series for men, and Barnes won the high game award for women, while Farlow was awarded the high series trophy for the women.

Intramural Softball League starts pre-season

The APG Intramural Softball Season began Tuesday night with the annual Pre-Season Tournament. The single-elimination competition is being played through May 27 in both areas of post. The championship game will take place June 1 on the home field of the team in the winner’s bracket after play concludes on May 27. The Intramural Softball Regular season starts June 2.

Women’s Rec. Softball League starts June 8

The APG Sports Office is organizing a Women’s Recreational Softball League that will play an eight-week season starting June 8 in the Aberdeen Area. All women who are eligible patrons of MWR facilities are invited to join. Interested players or teams should sign up at the APG Athletic Center or Hoyle Gym by June 1. A minimum of four teams are necessary for the league to begin. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7934.

Military Golf Tournament is June 12, 13

The Community Recreation Division’s Sports Office and Ruggles Golf Course are sponsoring the 1999 Military Golf Tournament on June 12-13. This tournament is for active-duty military only and will run on a 36-hole format with five flights. Handicaps must be reported at registration. Those interested in participating must register by June 4 at either MWR gym or any post golf course. For more information, contact Harold Smith at 410-436-3375 or Marc Williams at 410-278-9452.

Military, civilians can vie for tennis trophy

The Intramural Tennis Tournament will be held June 14-24 in both Edgewood and Aberdeen. Play will be held in the Men’s Open, Men’s Senior (34-39), Men’s Masters (40 and over) and Women’s Open. Active-duty military who are interested in playing in this tournament need to register at their area gymnasium by June 3.

The Intramural Sports Office also is sponsoring an open tennis tournament in conjunction with the Intramural Tennis Tournament June 14-24. This tournament is open to all family members of active-duty military, retirees and their family members, and all civilian employees of APG who are 18 years or older. The Intramural and Open winners will compete for the post tennis championship on June 30. For more information, contact your area gymnasium or the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7933.

Join post-level volleyball, softball teams

Any active-duty soldier interested in playing on the post-level volleyball or softball team should call Marni Allison, APG Sports director, 410-278-4497.

Military personnel invited to join Law Enforcement Torch Run June 2

The Harford County Sheriff’s office is requesting APG support and military participation in the 1999 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Maryland’s Special Olympics on June 2. Runners will carry the Flame of Hope from the Cecil and Harford county line (at Conowingo Dam), down U.S. Route 1 (25 miles) to the Harford and Baltimore county line, where

they will pass the torch to Baltimore County.

APG’s law enforcement officers, including both military and civilian police, and all APG military personnel are invited to run with the Harford County law enforcement officers.

T-shirts and hats are for sale to support the 1999 Law Enforcement Torch Run. Cost is

\$12 for one or both for \$22. Most runners wear the T-shirts/hats while running. Items will be delivered to APG.

To order T-shirts/hats or to register to participate in the torch run contact: Lt. Tom French, 410-836-5424; or Lt. Edward Hopkins, 410-836-5403; or Deputy Jeanette Gamble, 410-836-5460.

Intramural Golf League reports first week of results

The following results for the Intramural Golf League were reported by the APG Intramural Sports Office as of May 20:

American Division RESULTS

E Co. 16th #1 defeated USMC #1
KUSAHC #1 defeated CHPPM
203rd defeated Air Force
HHC 143rd #2 defeated NCOA #1

STANDINGS

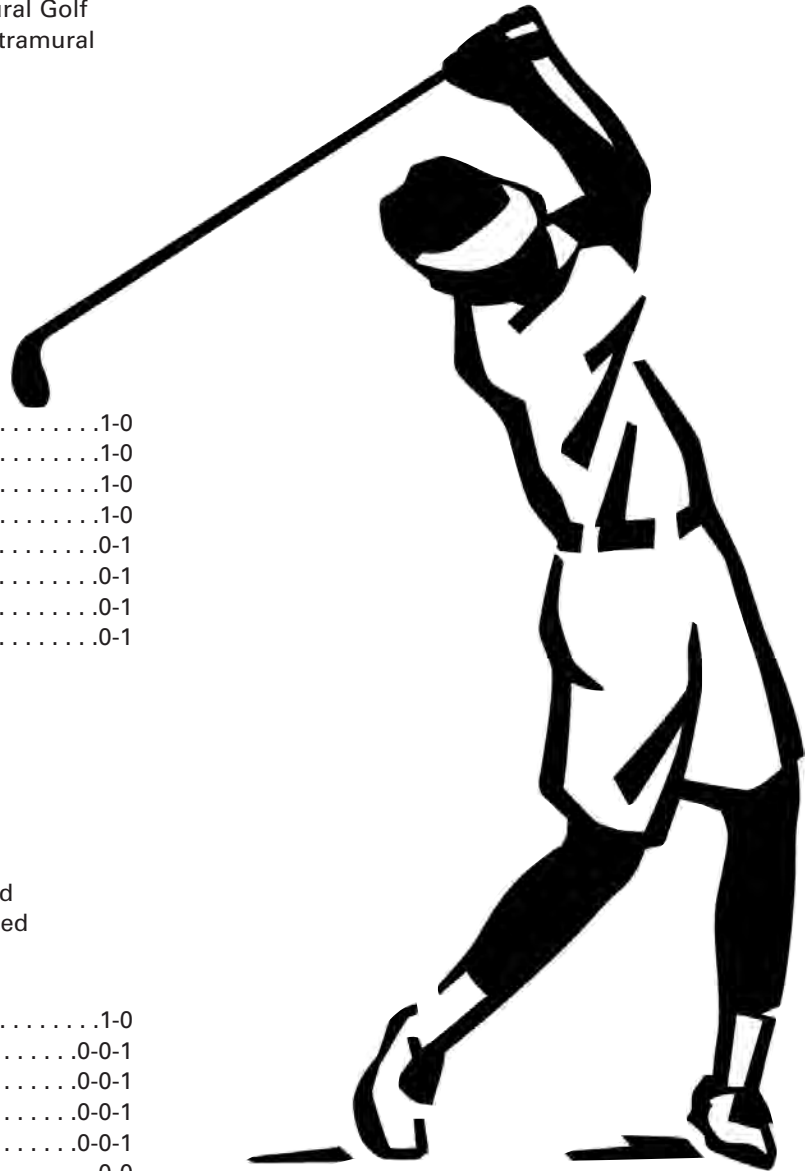
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KUSAHC #11-0
203rd1-0
HHC 143rd #21-0
USMC #10-1
CHPPM0-1
Air Force0-1
NCOA#10-1

National Division RESULTS

USMC #2 tied E Co. 16th #2
HHC 16th #3 tied HHC 16th #2
A Co 16th defeated KUSAHC #2
HHC 16th #1 vs. 143rd #1 rescheduled
NCOA #2 vs. E Co. 16th #1 rescheduled

STANDINGS

A Co. 16th1-0
USMC #20-0-1
E Co 16th #20-0-1
HHC 16th #20-0-1
HHC 16th #30-0-1
HHC 16th #10-0
NCOA #20-0



AAFES plans special offers, performance

Test driving car will help MWR

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Post Exchange, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund and Plymouth/Dodge Dealers are teaming up for a special event on June 11 and 12 at the PX Parking Lot.

If you take a test drive in a new Plymouth/Dodge Neon on those dates, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate to be used at the PX. Plymouth/Dodge also will donate \$4 to the Army Youth Sports Program for every test drive taken.

“Being able to receive a \$5 gift certificate for trying out a new car and help our local Army Youth Sports Programs is a great offer,” said Catherine Jones of AAFES. “Also, everyone taking a Neon test drive will be given a free movie pass to be used at the APG Post Theater and a free ‘Go Large’ coupon from Burger King! What a deal!”

She added that the offer will be repeated in the Edgewood Area on Aug. 27-28.

Music performance scheduled at PX

The PX also will feature the Baltimore-based jazz/funk group “City Lights” performing at the PX on Saturday, June 19, noon-2 p.m. The group will have compact discs available for sale at the PX.

For more information about AAFES offers, call 410-272-6828.



Photo courtesy the Cornforth family

Navy Cmdr. Lee Cornforth, his wife, Becky, and their son, Robert, pose with two of the foreign exchange students who have lived with them – Rie Kakimoto of Japan, and Conny Fuhrmann, who comes from the former East Germany.

Student from Europe finds ‘second family’ at APG

By Sheila Little
APG News

For the past school year, the Cornforth family has played host to a foreign exchange student.

Navy Cmdr. Lee Cornforth, assigned to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine as a member of the Tri-service Vision Conservation Readiness Program, his wife Becky, and son Robert, are living as a family of four.

Conny Fuhrmann, 17, from Leuna, a town near Leipzig in the former East Germany, lives with the Austin Road residents while she attends Edgewood High School.

Although the Cornforth family has been here for just two years, this is not their first experience with a foreign exchange program. Rie Kakimoto, from Japan, lived with them last year.

They began hosting students nearly five years ago, while they were stationed in San Diego. Becky said a neighbor, who was a facilitator for an exchange program, was looking for homes for Japanese exchange students. After getting to know the Cornforths, she made her appeal.

“Laura just knocked on my door one day and asked,” Becky said. Cornforth added that the family thought it would be interesting to learn about other cultures, while sharing their own.

They hosted eight times, with teens staying from five days to four weeks. The girls all were from Japan, but the family also hosted a boy from France for three weeks, who “quickly developed a crush on another host family’s daughter,” Lee Cornforth said. The family concluded they had fewer worries with female students.

Becky said they hosted seven girls from Japan because more females were involved in the exchange, and the family “liked the structure” of the Japanese program. The Japanese schedule was geared toward studying English in the morning and absorbing American culture through field trips and organized outings in the afternoon.

Robert, now 5, has been playing brother to the teens since he was 6 months old.

“He is always excited when they arrive,” said Becky Cornforth. “He enjoys having someone new to play with.”

Lee Cornforth added that Robert has learned to share by having students around.

When they moved to the East Coast, one of the short-term exchange students asked if they would consider hosting her for a longer visit. They agreed, and went through another screening process with the new hosting agency, Youth for Understanding. Rie stayed for the 1997-1998 school year.

This spring, the Cornforths decided to try a different country and asked for a selection packet, containing pictures, biographies, family descriptions, medical considerations such as allergies to pets, and a letter from the applicant on what she hoped to gain from the experience. From that information, the family picked Conny.

“She is from a small town similar in size to

“They are so nice. They are like second parents to me. I call them mom and dad.”

– Conny Fuhrmann of life with the Cornforth family of the Edgewood Area

“The most difficult part of the experience is saying good-bye.”

– Navy Cmdr. Lee Cornforth on his family’s experiences with hosting foreign exchange students.

Edgewood,” said Lee Cornforth, “and we thought she might adapt well to the relatively slow pace here.”

After demonstrating an interest in learning English, and showing good grades, Conny started taking English language classes when she began third grade. She explained that German students generally begin English classes when they reach fifth grade. After eight years of classes Conny was fairly fluent, but thought she needed more speaking practice. She became involved with YFU “to get to know the language better and get to know a different culture.”

Upon starting school at Edgewood High, Conny said she didn’t notice many differences among teens, although she is more likely to read in her spare time than she has observed of teens here.

Conny said she will have to make up for a lost year of schooling when she returns to Germany, and is anxious to keep on track with her German subjects as much as possible.

Describing APG as “like a normal town with a fence around it,” she said she was surprised at how green it was, and expected “a lot more buildings.”

She said she has been especially fortunate to live with the Cornforths as they have taken her to many places. While the exchange organization notes that it is “not the job of the host family to serve as personal tour guides,” Conny said the family has taken her to New York City, Niagra Falls, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Hershey, Lancaster, northern Virginia, Sharpsburg, and Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

She and the family recently hosted her best friend from Germany, and is looking forward to seeing her parents, 14-year-old brother and a cousin when they come for a 10-day visit.

As for cultural differences, Conny observed that people here “do a lot more driving,” while in Germany, people walk, ride bikes or take the street-car.

Although she knew very little about Becky and Lee Cornforth when she left Germany, Conny said she feels very fortunate.

“They are so nice,” she said. “They are like second parents to me. I call them mom and dad.”

“Hosting has given us many rewards,” said Cornforth. He said the exchange program is “a sharing of human experiences,” and the family grows with each student they host.

“The most difficult part of the experience is saying good-bye,” he said.

For more information, visit the Youth for Understanding web site at www.yfu.org.



Lee Cornforth, Conny and Robert make a mess of some Halloween pumpkins.

Aberdeen student to get close look at medical profession at national forum

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Once school is out this summer, an Aberdeen High School junior will continue his studies, learning from some of the nation’s most distinguished medical leaders at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Lamar Frasier will head to Washington, D.C., July 11-21, after being selected to participate in the forum based on his academic performance and interest in medicine.

“I want to be a pediatrician,” said Frasier, whose mother, Pam, has been a personnel staffing specialist in the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center since the center opened in 1996. His father, Larran, retired from a 20-year Army career in 1997 from Fort McPherson, Ga., then joined the family at Aberdeen.

Frasier noted that the forum, which will tackle subjects such as breakthroughs in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS and public health, will help him put the requirements of a medical career into perspective.

“I’m interested in AIDS research, because that’s a real problem in this country,” he said, “and I want to help in that area.”

The forum seeks high school juniors and seniors with academic promise, leadership potential and a strong interest in medicine. Participants also must have a grade point average of “B+” or above and expect to graduate from high school in 1999 or 2000.

That’s not a problem for Frasier, who has maintained a 4.0 average throughout school, attending school overseas during his father’s Army career.

Life has been busy since then. In addition to a tough academic schedule that includes honors English, chemistry, geometry, Spanish and computers, he also is a member of the tennis and soccer teams, plays percussion in the school’s Marching Band, Show Band and Symphonic Band, is a member of the Music National Honor Society, College Bound Club and Future Business Leaders of America and this month, was inducted into the National Honor Society. This month, he also received the Sigma Xi Mathematics and Science Award.

“He usually has band practice after school, or soccer or tennis practice, or a club meeting,” said his mother. “Then he comes home and does his homework. He didn’t even go to kindergarten; he went straight to first grade. From that point, he has been extremely focused on academics. He likes school, and never misses a day.”

Frasier said school always has been important to him.

“I like learning, and know I’ll need an education to get ahead in the world,” he said, noting that he does about two hours of homework a night. “I put my priorities straight. My friends understand that my studies come first.”

Last summer, the 16-year-old volunteered with the Red Cross

at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. In addition to that volunteer work, he also has served as a volunteer baby-sitter, a Special Olympics volunteer and a volunteer at the Civilian Personnel Operations Center in Seckenheim, Germany.

Tekemia Dorsey, a guidance counselor at Aberdeen High School, called Frasier “a unique student.”

“He is a really good student, is very involved, and is very focused on what he wants,” she said. “He is able to balance all his extra curricular activities with his academic responsibilities, and is a wonderful example of a scholar athlete.”

He also has been exploring the future, which Dorsey said she encourages in juniors. That led to the creation of the College Bound Club this year, in which Frasier is active.

“He was consistent in his attendance and participation, and the students really got to know each other, and how to strive together. In the sessions, he was a leader as well as a follower. He leads by example, and isn’t afraid to take criticism or comments from his

peers. As you can see, it’s beginning to pay off.”

She added that she believes “he is going to do well at anything he puts his mind to,” including the demands of applying to colleges and seeking scholarships and awards.

“His approach toward essays and his energy are very professional, something you seldom see in high school juniors. He understands the competitiveness, but is sensitive to the other students,” she said. “But it’s not work, work, work and no play. He’s very assertive and knows what his job is - it’s academics. He knows that in order to do well in life, he has to do well academically. He knows that without struggle, there’s no success. Lamar is the type of student where you know he may struggle, but you don’t see it when you look at him. You know a lot of work goes into his efforts, but he makes it look effortless.”

Topics at the forum include breakthroughs in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS, sports medicine, neonatal and pediatric research, public health

and clinical decision-making.

“During eleven days of first-hand experiences in a motivating and challenging environment, participants see the world of medicine from a perspective unlike any other,” said Dr. William Levin, president emeritus, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. “They leave having gained a valuable head start toward the careers and successes they dream of achieving.”

Students gain hands-on experience through large and small group activities and seminars with distinguished research pioneers and leaders of the medical community.

The program culminates with a challenging simulation in which students consider an issue in medical ethics and then present pertinent recommendations for approaching resolution of the issue. Students receive their topics and supporting literature at the beginning of the forum and supplement this information throughout the program by talking with the doctors, researchers and medical students they meet in the course of their daily activities.



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Aberdeen High School junior Lamar Frasier will attend a national forum for high school students interested in the medical profession this summer.